



Illinois State Senator William Delgado (D-Chicago) spoke this week to members of the Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights (ICIRR) who were at the Capitol promoting their 2012 legislative agenda.

The “One Nation, One Dream” agenda is a continued commitment to immigration reform. This includes a pledge to work for healthcare and education for new Americans and support for immigrant workers and entrepreneurs in their vital role in the recovering Illinois economy.

“I was honored to be part of the ICIRR rally today at the Capitol,” said Senator Delgado, Chairman of the Senate Public Health Committee. “The issues they are fighting for in Springfield, including ALLKids, health care access for everyone, and the continued support of immigrant integration programs are important to me and the people of my district.”

The ICIRR and the 138 member organizations that are a part of the Coalition are committed to ensuring that immigrants and refugees from across Illinois are able to obtain the resources they need to become naturalized citizens so they may fully and equally participate in the civic, cultural, and social life of our diverse society.

In partnership with their member organizations, the Coalition educates and organizes immigrant and refugee communities to assert their rights; promotes citizenship and civic participation; monitors, analyzes, and advocates on immigrant-related issues; and informs the general public about the contributions of immigrants and refugees.